however, the consistent stand of RBI has been that large,scale capital expenditure to be incurred by public sector undertakings in constructing infrastructural facilities such as dams, bridges, roads, electricity generation and supply, etc. Whether for creation of fresh facilities or for replacement/ modernisation of existing ones, should be funded from the budgetary resources of the concerned State, or the Centre, as the case may be. The State Government has already been apprised of the above views of RBI.

Phasing out of tax and credit concession to Small Scale Industries

1277. SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to stop gradually all tax and credit concessions to Small Scale Industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) In view of the ensuing Budget-1993-94 it is not possible to offer any comments at this stage.

Corruption in tax administration

1278. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that wide spread tax evasion is flourishing due to laxity and corruption in the tax administration;

(b) if so, what effective measures are being implemented and contemplated to eliminate the scope of corruption and inefficiency in tax administration;

(c) whether there is any proposal to formulate steps to simplify and rationalise the existing tax system; and

(d) if so, what measures are taken or are proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OFrSTATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) A strong vigilance machinery takes effective steps to enforce preventive vigilance in certain corruption prone areas. Investigations/inquiries are .made, in specific cases of alleged corruption. Cases involving inquiries from non-departmental parties are often referred to CBI for investigations. The provisions of FR *56j* are also invoked whenever necessary.

There are adequate supervisory controls to ensure effective tax administration which are periodically reviewed.

(c) and (d) The simplification and rationalisation of the Direct Taxes system is an ongoing process and appropriate measures are taken from time to time to simplify and rationalise direct taxes.

विदेशी मुद्रा बचाने के लिए उठाए गए कदम

1279. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा विदेशी मुद्रा के संकट को ध्यान में रखते हुए इसे बचाने और इसके उचित उपयोग के लिए पिछले कुछ वर्षों से अनेकों उपाय किए गए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है :

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि जुलाई, 1991 से सितम्बर 1992 तक सरकार द्वारा किए गए उपायों के परिणामस्वरूप विदेशी मुद्रा का दुरुपयोग रोक कर काफी मात्रा में इसकी बचत की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके परिणामस्वरूप बचाई गई विदेशी मुद्रा की अनुमानित राशि कितनी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) और (ख) जी हां। पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान सरकार ने विदेशी मुद्रा बचाने और इसके समुचित इस्तेमाल